GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER HARVESTING AND CONSERVATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to improve water harvesting and conservation aquifer recharge and drip irrigation alongwith the success achieved thereon; and

(b) the manner in which the benefits of these steps are proposed to be made available to farmers including small and marginal farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Steps taken by the Government to promote rain water harvesting, artificial recharge and conservation of ground water include:-

Implementation of demonstrative artificial recharge projects by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) in the country.
Implementation of scheme on `Artificial Recharge to ground water through Dug Wells` for augmenting the ground water resources in 7 States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat & Madhya Pradesh to provide sustainability to the dug wells.
Preparation and circulation of Manuals/Guides on Artificial Recharge of ground water to the States/Union Territories to enable them to formulate area specific Artificial Recharge Schemes.
Circulation of `Model Bill` to enable States/Union Territories to enact suitable legislation for regulation and control of ground water development.
Preparation and circulation of `Master Plan for Artificial Recharge to Ground Water` to State Governments.
Organization of mass awareness programmes on Water Management, Rain Water Harvesting and Artificial Recharge of Ground Water.
The Farmers Participatory Action Research Programme aimed at creating awareness about water conservation practices.
Roof top rain water harvesting made mandatory by 18 States and 4 Union Territories.